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COACHELLA VALLEY ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP SEPTEMBER 25, 2006

A RESOLUTION OF THE COACHELLA VALLEY ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP SUPPORTING THE SALTON SEA AUTHORITY PLAN FOR RESTORING AND REVITALIZING THE SALTON SEA

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COACHELLA VALLEY ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea is a critical component to the Coachella Valley agriculture and tourism based economy; and

WHEREAS, reduced inflows and pending water transfers increasingly threaten unparalleled wildlife resources at the Sea; and

WHEREAS, diminishing water and wildlife values at the Sea will threaten our unduplicated quality of life and economy; and

WHEREAS, the Coachella Valley Economic Partnership has reviewed and considered proposed alternatives for restoring and revitalizing the Salton Sea; and

WHEREAS, the Coachella Valley Economic Partnership finds that the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan best meets the needs to provide wildlife habitats, improve water quality, and protect air quality in our region; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Conceptual Plan also creates major recreational and economic development opportunities in the Coachella and Imperial Valleys; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan best meets the needs of the Coachella Valley Economic Partnership, its constituents, and those living and working in the Coachella and Imperial Valleys; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan is superior to other alternatives that the State of California and the U.S. Department of Interior,

Bureau of Reclamation, are considering during their programmatic EIR and alternatives study; and

WHEREAS, the Coachella Valley Economic Partnership understands that prior to the formal adopting or implementation of any restoration plan, the Salton Sea Authority will cause any project to undergo a thorough and environmental analysis pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Coachella Valley Economic Partnership:

- hereby supports the "Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan for Multi-Purpose Project" as the preferred plan for restoration and revitalization of the Salton Sea; and
- encourages the State of California and the Department of Interior to select the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan as their preferred alternative for Salton Sea restoration and revitalization; and
- encourages cities, counties and other entities to join with it in support of the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by

this 25 day of September, 2006.

Paul Magaña, Chairman of the Board